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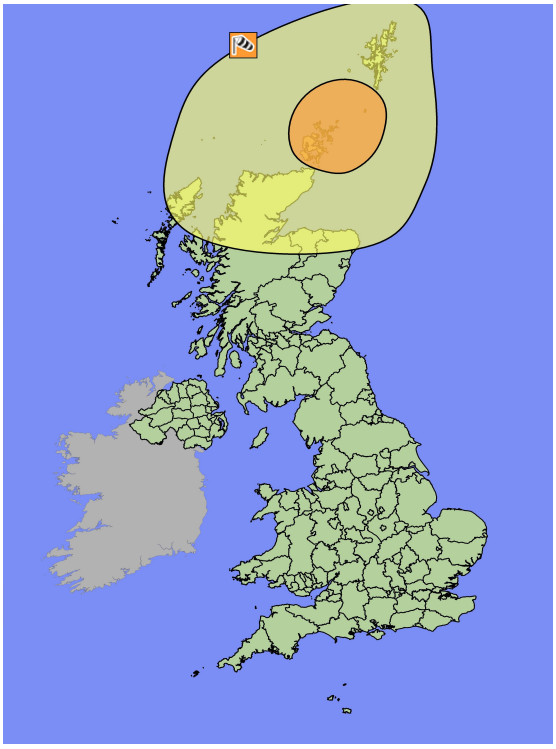

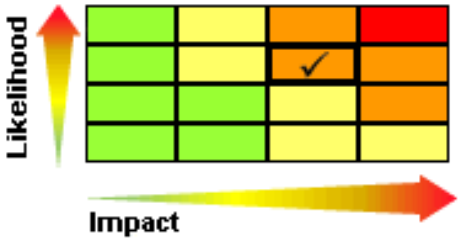

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A rapidly deepening area of low pressure is expected to move northeast past northwest Scotland, then pass east just to the north of Shetland during Thursday. As a result gusts of 60 to 70 mph are likely in northwestern areas during Wednesday evening and on Thursday. The main concern however is for late on Wednesday night through until early on Thursday afternoon, when gusts around 80 mph are expected across Orkney. There is also a low risk of gusts of this strength affecting northermost parts of mainland Scotland or Shetland. The wind will ease from the west during Thursday afternoon.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **00:05 on Thu, 01st Dec 2011** until **18:00 on Thu, 01st Dec 2011**

Southerly gales will develop during Wednesday evening, reaching severe gale overnight. Winds will become west to northwesterly by Thursday morning with severe gales continuing during the day. Storm force winds seem likely for a time across Orkney. As a result of the very strong winds, the public should be prepared for travel disruption.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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